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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: SCHEDULE

1. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ON THE EVENING OF MAY 13 THE SECRETARY'S REGRET AT THE CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE. I TOLD FRYDENLUND THAT THE SECRETARY WAS PLEASED WITH THE SCHEDULE THE NORWEGIANS HAD DEVELOPED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 22, AND REGRETTED THAT HE FOUND HE HAD TO LEAVE EARLIER SUNDAY FOR TALKS IN BONN. I ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY LOOKED FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING FRYDENLUND NEXT WEEK.

2. FRYDENLUND REPLIED THAT HE, UNDERSTOOD THOUGH HE, TOO, REGRETS CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. HE DID ASK ME IF I KNEW WHY THE SECRETARY HAD TO HAVE TALKS WITH SCHMIDT AT THIS TIME AND WHEN I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT KNOW, FRYDENLUND ASKED IF I COULD FIND OUT AND INFORM HIM. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER I WOULD RELAY HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. FRYDENLUND THEN STRESSED TO ME THE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE SECRETARY MEETING WITH THE NORWEGIAN PRESS DURING HIS VISIT. HE STATED HE CONSIDERED THIS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S STAY IN OSLO. I MENTIONED THAT ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE FOR THE SECRETARY TO MEET WITH THE PRESS SUNDAY MORNING AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. FRYDENLUND STATED THAT THAT WAS ALL IGT AS LONG AS THE SECRETARY GAVE THE LOCAL PRESS A FULL HALF-HOUR TO FORTY MINUTES OF HIS TIME.

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"TEN OR FIFTEEN MINUTES IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH." THE MINISTER

ADDED THAT IF THE SECRETARY COULD NOT DO THE PRESS CONFERENCE SUNDAY MORNING, FRYDENLUND WOULD BE WILLING TO CUT SHORT THE POLITICAL TALKS SATURDAY MORNING IN ORDER TO MAKE TIME FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH HE AGAIN STRESSED WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE VISIT. I SAID WE WOULD CONVEY FRYDENLUND'S VIEW TO WASHINGTON.

4., COMMENT: I AGREE WITH FRYDENLUND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SECRETARY TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE WHILE HE IS HERE ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS NO LONGER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECRETARY TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THE BICENTENNIAL OPENING. ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, IT APPEARS THAT THE BEST TIME TO DO A PRESS CONFERENCE MIGHT AT THE AIRPORT A HALF-HOUR BEFORE HE LEAVES SUNDAY MORNING.

5. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD ARRANGE FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE SATURDAY, THOUGH TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT IT SHOULD OCCUR AFTER THE SECRETARY HAS COMPLETED HIS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS; (I.E., AFTER HIS 5 P.M. CALL ON DEFENSE MINISTER HANSEN). ON THE OTHER HAND IT MAY CROWD THE SECRETARY SOMEWHAT TO ASK HIM TO DO A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE HANSEN CALL, SINCE THIS WOULD GIVE HIM VERY LITTLE PERSONAL TIME BEFORE FRYDENLUND'S DINNER

6. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO ASK THE NORWEGIANS IF THE SECRETARY COULD CALL ON HANSEN EARLIER SATURDAY, PERHAPS AT 4 P.M. ALLOWING HIM TO DO HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT 5 P.M. THIS WOULD THEN STILL GIVE HIM A FEW HOURS OF PERSONAL TIME BETWEEN THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND DINNER.

7. GIVEN FRYDENLUND'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE SECRETARY'S PRESS PLANS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE.

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